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1. FOLLOWING IS TEXT OF DRAFT JOINT STATEMENT TO BE ISSUED
AT COMPLETION OF SECRETARY'S VISIT TO KABUL. YOU ARE
AUTHORIZED TO CONVEY TO APPROPRIATE OFFICIALS AND SEEK
THEIR VIEWS.

QUOTE: UNITED STATES SECRETARY OF STATE HENRY A. KISSINGER
PAID AN OFFICIAL VISIT TO THE REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN ON
NOVEMBER 1, AT THE INVITATION OF THE GOVERNMENT OF
AFGHANISTAN. DURING HIS STAY HE MET WITH HEAD OF STATE
AND PRIME MINISTER MOHAMMAD DAOUD, ADVISOR TO THE
PRESIDENT MOHAMMAD NAIM, AND DEPUTY FOREIGN MINISTER
SAYYED WAHEED ABDULLAH. PRESIDENT DAOUD WELCOMED THE
VISIT OF SECRETARY KISSINGER AND GAVE A LUNCHEON IN HIS
HONOR.

THE TWO SIDES CONDUCTED FRANK DISCUSSIONS ON A WIDE RANGE
OF ISSUES IN THE FRIENDLY ATMOSPHERE THAT CHARACTERIZES
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U.S.-AFGHAN RELATIONS. THE TOPICS INCLUDED BILATERAL

RELATIONS, RECENT DEVELOPMENTS IN THE NEAR EAST AND SOUTH ASIA REGION, PROGRESS IN INTERNATIONAL DETENTE, AND THE MUTUAL INTERESTS OF BOTH NATIONS IN SECURING A PEACEFUL, STABLE AND COOPERATIVE WORLD. SECRETARY KISSINGER INFORMED

PRESIDENT DAOUD OF HIS DISCUSSIONS WITH OTHER GOVERNMENTS IN THE REGION. THEY AGREED THAT THE BEST WAY TO RESOLVE EXISTING PROBLEMS IS THROUGH PEACEFUL DISCUSSIONS AMONG THE COUNTRIES CONCERNED.

PRESIDENT DAOUD AND SECRETARY KISSINGER EXPRESSED PLEASURE AT THE WARM AND FRIENDLY RELATIONS BETWEEN THEIR GOVERNMENTS. IN EXPRESSING HIS APPRECIATION FOR THIS OPPORTUNITY TO VISIT AFGHANISTAN, THE SECRETARY AFFIRMED HIS ADMIRATION FOR THE PROGRESS BEING MADE BY THE GOVERNMENT AND PEOPLE OF THE REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN. SECRETARY KISSINGER ALSO CONVEYED TO PRESIDENT DAOUD WARM PERSONAL WISHES FROM PRESIDENT FORD.

THE PRESIDENT AND THE SECRETARY STRESSED THEIR BELIEF THAT ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT ARE VITAL TO INTERNATIONAL STABILITY AND PEACE. THE PRESIDENT EXPRESSED HIS PLEASURE AT THE CONTRIBUTION TOWARD THIS END BEING MADE BY THE UNITED STATES IN AFGHANISTAN THROUGH THE AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT, THE PEACE CORPS AND THROUGH BILATERAL CULTURAL AND EDUCATIONAL EXCHANGE PROGRAMS.

THE SECRETARY EXPRESSED THE CONTINUING DESIRE OF THE UNITED STATES TO COOPERATE WITH THE REPUBLIC OF AFGHANISTAN IN ACHIEVING ITS ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT GOALS. THE UNITED STATES IS CURRENTLY FORMULATING NEW PROJECTS WITH THE REPUBLICAN GOVERNMENT IN THE FIELDS OF HEALTH AND FAMILY PLANNING, RURAL DEVELOPMENT, EDUCATION AND AGRICULTURE. IN THIS CONNECTION, IT WAS NOTED THAT A SENIOR OFFICIAL OF THE U.S. AGENCY FOR INTERNATIONAL DEVELOPMENT HOPES TO VISIT AFGHANISTAN IN THE NEAR FUTURE TO REVIEW JOINT PROGRAMS AND OUR PROGRESS IN BRINGING PROJECTS TO FRUITION. KISSINGER

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